



Spirit of the Mountains

2004 P H O T O C O N T E S T

*Share the wonder of
Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area
with others. Enter the
Spirit of the Mountains
Photo Contest. Let your
photographic imagination
capture the essence of
this hidden jewel.*

Entry Requirements

Open to amateur photographers only.

Submit only photos of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Digital or film prints are acceptable.

Entries accepted September 1 – September 30, 2004.

Categories

1. **Plants** (such as flowers or trees)
2. **Animals** (such as reptiles, mammals or insects)
3. **Scenic Shots** (such as scenic vistas, seasons, or water)
4. **12 and Under** (photos taken by children 12 years or younger)
5. **People in Parklands** (such as people engaged in recreational or cultural activities)

Winning Entries

First, second, and third place certificates and ribbons will be awarded in each category. Winners will be announced at 2pm, October 9, 2004 at the opening of the 2004 Photo Exhibit.

Prizes

First place winners will be published in *OUTDOORS*, our quarterly calendar of events and programs with an average circulation of 30,000 issues. Second and Third place winners may have a small inset photo published in *OUTDOORS* if space permits.

Entries will be exhibited from October 9 until November 30, 2004 at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks.

Entry Form (please print clearly)

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Category check one:

☐ Plants

☐ Animals

☐ Scenic Shots

☐ 12 and Under

☐ People in Parklands

Photo Location

Photo equipment used

Title of Entry (optional)

Signature

My signature on this entry verifies that I have read and will comply with the *Rules & Regulations* for this contest and that I give permission to have my winning photos published in *Outdoors*. The rules and regulations are on the park website and listed below.

Phone

Email

Rules & Regulations

Questions

National Park Service
Visitor Center (open
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily):
805-370-2301

- Amateur photographers only.
- Paid employees of the National Park Service are excluded from contest participation.
- Digital or film prints are acceptable.
- Photos can be taken on federal, state, county, city, or other public agency property, so long as the photo is taken within the Santa Monica Mountains or within the boundary of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.
- Demonstrate good stewardship of the mountains by entering photos that depict approved visitor use and park resource protection per administering agency regulations.
- Winning photos that will be published in *OUTDOORS* may need to be altered to fit the publication format. The winners may be asked to submit their original digital file or film of their photo for use in *OUTDOORS*.
- If people are visible in winning photos, the photographer will need to have releases from those people before the photo can be published in *OUTDOORS*. Release forms will be available at the National Park Service Visitor Center and at the park photo website.
- If a house or building is clearly identifiable in a photo, it too needs to have a release from the owner before publication.
- We will attempt to exhibit all entries, but the number may be curtailed due to space limitations. In the event of limited entries in a particular category, the number of winners will be reduced.
- We will make every possible effort to safeguard the prints in our secure headquarters building, but we can not be responsible in case of natural disaster or other unforeseen events.
- We are not responsible for mailed entries that are lost or damaged in transit.

Print Return

Entries can be picked up at the National Park Service Visitor Center from December 1, 2004 until December 31, 2004. Any entry not picked up by December 31, 2004 becomes the property of the National Park Service.

Submission Format

- Submit entry as a matted print. Prints that are 5" x 7" or smaller are too small for this exhibit. Prints (excluding mat) can range from 8" x 8," 7" x 10" up to 11" x 17." A matted print means that your photo should have a surrounding paper border, window mat, or be mounted on stiff board. Frames with glass are not accepted. The photo itself may be a glossy or matte finish.
- Attach two pieces of Velcro to the back of your photo mat so we can attach your photo to our fabric covered panels. Velcro can be purchased at hobby and craft stores.
- Use one entry form per print. Cut out entry form and loosely attach it by one piece of tape to the back of the print.
- Photographers can submit up to two entries per each category with a limit of six entries total for the entire contest. Photographers "12 and Under" can submit up to four entries in their category.
- Entries must be submitted in person or by mail between September 1 through September 30, 2004 at the National Park Service Visitor Center, 401 West Hillcrest, Thousand Oaks 91360, Attention: Photo Contest Dept. (Mailed entries must be received by September 30, 2004.

Announcement of Winners

Winners will be announced and ribbons will be awarded at the exhibit opening on Saturday, October 9, 2004 at 2 p.m.

First place photographs along with information about the photographer's work will be included in *OUTDOORS*.

Exhibit Dates

Entries will be exhibited for two months at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks, CA. The exhibit opens on October 9, and closes November 30, 2004.

For More Entry Forms

This form may be photocopied. Additional forms available at the National Park Service Visitor Center and the park website: www.nps.gov/samo/photo